

REMARKS

In view of the amendments and remarks herein, favorable reconsideration of this application and allowance of the claims as presently presented are respectfully requested. By this Amendment, claims 23-26 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 27-30 have been added. Thus, claims 27-30 are pending for further examination.

Claims 23-26 stood rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious over Yurt in view of Goertz. Applicant respectfully submits that the new claims herein clearly and patentably distinguish all of the prior art or record, whether considered alone or in combination. Thus, withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the new claims herein are respectfully requested.

New claims 27-30 define a system wherein the a telephone switching system is employed as a front-end for the jukebox. In accordance with one aspect of this feature of the invention, the jukebox is able to automatically identified a caller, thereby avoiding a need to use a separate ID or the like when accessing the jukebox. In the claimed invention, the telephone switching network (PABX) is used as a remote front-end for the jukebox. Further, the PABX identifies the callers C that dial a specific number N and redirects the call (or sends a separate communication) to the jukebox J for triggering operation thereof, while also providing the caller identification to the jukebox. Thus, in this embodiment of the invention, information on the identity of the caller is transmitted to the jukebox by the PABX when a number N is called. Applicant respectfully submits that the feature of transmitting to jukebox J the identity of a telephone set C calling a

number N is not taught or suggested by the prior art of record. Also, Applicant respectfully submits that the prior art of record fails to teach the feature of distributing the functions of a jukebox between the jukebox itself and a PABX, as claimed. None of the references of record teach or suggest, *inter alia*, the specific combination of features of the invention, as now expressly set forth on claims 27-30.

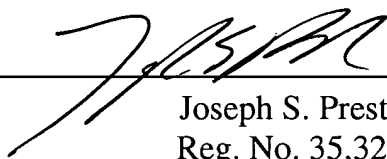
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant believes that all of the pending claims now clearly and patentably distinguish the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Thus, withdrawal of the rejections and passage of this case to issuance at an early date are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this case, or deem that any further issues need to be addressed prior to allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the phone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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